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Rümppler et al.

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ENZYME GRANULES AND ENZYME
GRANULES PRODUCED THUS

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Our File: SMB-PT162

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the cited U.S. publications and/or patent documents have not been included.

The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were either listed in an International Search Report in the corresponding International Application or cited in the German Examination Reports dated October 12, 2004 and August 5, 2005

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from the original priority applications, copies enclosed. Each of the references cited in the International Search Report was cited as Category A (Technological Background).

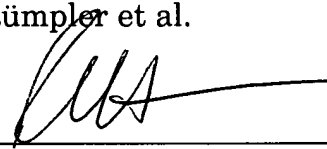
DT 25 55 917 A1 was cited in the August 5, 2005 German Examination Report as rendering claim 1 unprotectable as lacking an inventive step when considered with DE 166 72 17 C. Specifically, the Examination Report stated DT 25 55 917 A1 refers to a process and an apparatus for aqueous, heat sensitive protein suspensions.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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